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- 1 AN ACT Relating to insurance coverage of pharmacy services; adding
- 2 a new section to chapter 48.20 RCW; adding a new section to chapter
- 3 48.21 RCW; and adding a new section to chapter 48.44 RCW.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 48.20 RCW 6 to read as follows:
- 7 Notwithstanding any provision of any disability insurance contract
- 8 as provided for in this chapter, benefits shall not be denied
- 9 thereunder for any health care service performed by a holder of a
- 10 license for pharmacy issued pursuant to chapter 18.64 RCW if: (1) The
- 11 service performed was within the lawful scope of such person's license;
- 12 and (2) such contract would have provided benefits if such service had
- 13 been performed by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter
- 14 18.71 RCW: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no provision of chapter 18.71 RCW
- 15 shall be asserted to deny benefits under this section.
- 16 The provisions of this section are intended to be remedial and
- 17 procedural to the extent they do not impair the obligation of any
- 18 existing contract.

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NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 48.21 RCW to read as follows:

3 Notwithstanding any provision of any group disability insurance 4 contract or blanket disability insurance contract as provided for in this chapter, benefits shall not be denied thereunder for any health 5 service performed by a holder of a license for pharmacy issued pursuant 6 7 to chapter 18.64 RCW if: (1) The service performed was within the 8 lawful scope of such person's license; and (2) such contract would have 9 provided benefits if such service had been performed by a holder of a 10 license issued pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no provision of chapter 18.71 RCW shall be asserted to deny benefits 11 under this section. 12

13 The provisions of this section are intended to be remedial and 14 procedural to the extent they do not impair the obligation of any 15 existing contract.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 48.44 RCW to read as follows:

Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, for any health care service contract thereunder which is entered into or renewed after the effective date of this act, benefits shall not be denied under such contract for any health care service performed by a holder of a license for pharmacy issued pursuant to chapter 18.64 RCW if: (1) The service performed was within the lawful scope of such person's license; and (2) such contract would have provided benefits if such service had been performed by a holder of a license issued pursuant to chapter 18.71 RCW: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That no provision of chapter 18.71 RCW shall be asserted to deny benefits under this section.

The provisions of this section are intended to be remedial and procedural to the extent that they do not impair the obligation of any existing contract.

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